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In re Application of: Baylor College of Medicine  
Int'l Appln. No.: US00/15410  
Int'l Filing Date: 1 June 2000  
For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR THE THERAPEUTIC USE OF AN ATONAL-ASSOCIATED  
SEQUENCE FOR DEAFNESS, OSTEOARTHRITIS AND ABNORMAL CELL PROLIFERATION

ARTICLE 34 AMENDMENTS**BOX PCT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231  
Attn.: RO/US

Sir:

For your review and consideration, listed below are Article 34 Amendments regarding this application. Applicants submit that support for the additional claims regarding fusion proteins comprising an *atonal*-associated sequence are found, for example, on page 52, lns 11-18. Support for claims to methods of therapy wherein an *atonal*-associated sequence is administered to a subject in conjunction with another therapeutic nucleic acid sequence may be found, for example, on page 58, lns. 14-20, page 59, ln. 20-page 62, ln. 2 and page 62, lns. 5-13.

Applicants submit herewith an additional page for these added amendments and the renumbered substitute page for the Abstract.

47. A fusion protein comprising an *atonal*-associated amino acid sequence or fragment thereof and a desired amino acid sequence.

48. A nucleic acid sequence encoding the fusion protein of claim 47.

49. A method of delivering an *atonal*-associated amino acid sequence to an animal, wherein the method comprises administering to the animal a nucleic acid sequence encoding an *atonal*-associated amino acid sequence and a nucleic acid sequence encoding an additional therapeutic amino acid sequence.

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